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The Examiner has rejected claims 12 through 15 and 19 through 22 under 35USC102(b) as being anticipated by Otani '422. The Examiner has however indicated that claims 16 through 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to this rejection, the applicant has amended claim 12 to incorporate the features of allowable claim 16 and intervening claim 15. Claim 12 as amended is therefore allowable. The remaining claims are dependent upon an allowable base claim and are therefore similarly allowable. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled accordingly and claim 17 amended for dependence upon new claim 12.

The applicant submits that this amendment is fully responsive to all issues in this case and requests passage to issuance.

No new matter has been added to this amendment.

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